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however, it seems to us, that there is a conspicuous absence of citations from the more recent and commanding representations of biblical scholarship. For example, in treating of the "difficulties" connected with Paul's life, the two books most frequently cited are Bloomfield's *New Testament* and Haley's *Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible*, good and useful books, it is true, but not representative of recent critical and historical investigation.

While such a volume is necessarily a compilation, it is still a work requiring much diligence and research for its creditable accomplishment and Mr. Barnes has certainly performed his task in a way which both reflects credit upon himself and gives assurance of his having done a real service to students of the Bible.

### The Sermon Bible.

*The Sermon Bible. Isaiah to Malachi.* New York: A. C. Armstrong and Son. Price, \$1.50.

This volume completes the Old Testament portion of the admirable series published by the Armstrongs. As has been mentioned in noticing other volumes of the series, the aim is to present the essence of the best homiletical literature of this generation whether published in book form or not. These sermons are arranged according to the books of the Bible, so that they form, also, a running homiletic commentary. The reader must not expect to find much juice along with this sermon essence; but for a collection of the best outlines and suggestions in relation to texts which may have been deemed unproductive as well as for use in homiletic study and criticism, these books are exceedingly well adapted. This volume deals with an intensely interesting portion of Scripture, that covering the prophets, and not a few of the finest modern productions of our great preachers will be found condensed in these pages.